

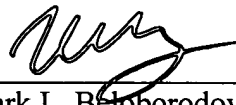
REMARKS

Applicants filed this continuation application on June 27, 2003, based on then co-pending application Serial No. 09/981,634, filed October 16, 2001 (the "parent application"). Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-19, originally filed in the parent application, and add new claims 20-43. Support for new claims 20-43 can be found throughout the specification, and at least on page 6, line 8 to page 10, line 9. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. Applicants submit that claims 20-43 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry as such.

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on September 24, 2003, Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$1,144.00 that includes the filing fee, the additional claim fee (based on the number of claims after entry of this Amendment), and the late filing surcharge. Applicants believe that no extension-of-time or other fee is required. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees necessary for entry of this paper or other fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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